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WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. PETER BOURNE

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TAGS: SNAR, LA
SUBJ: REPORT ON DR. BOURNE PRESS CONFERENCE

1. IN REPORTING ON A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN MONTREAL LAST WEEK BY
DR. PETER BOURNE, THE OCTOBER 26 ISSUE OF LE ONDE CONTAINED
AN ARTICLE BY ALAIN-MARIE CARRON WHICH READ IN PART (UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION):

SUB-TITLE: THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS

BEGIN TEXT: FOR MR. BOURNE,

"DRUGS HAVE CEASED TO BE AN AMERICAN DISEASE" (ALLUSION
TO A BOOK WHICH APPEARED SOME YEARS AGO ENTITLED "THE
AMERICAN DISEASE") "ONE FINDS THEM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."
FOR EXAMPLE, THE CONSUMPTION OF HEROIN IN ISRAEL HAS BEEN
GROWING RAPIDLY SINCE LAST YEAR.

THE SITUATION MOST WORRYING IS THAT IN LAOS. DURING A VISIT
WHICH HE RECENTLY MADE TO THAT COUNTRY, MR. BOURNE
FOUND "A GOVERNMENT EXTREMELY UNSTABLE FACING
ENORMOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IT APPEARED TO ME BEYOND
DOUBT" HE SAID "THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT
ARE IMPLICATED IN THE TRAFFIC OF HEROIN TOWARDS TAIWAN,
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AND FROM THERE TO THE WORLD MARKET. IN VIEW OF THE
DIFFICULTIES FACING THE COUNTRY, A GROWING NUMBER OF
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MIGHT BE LED TO CONSIDER THAT THERE
IS HERE A MEANS TO RESTORE THE NATIONAL FINANCES." END TEXT

2. SINCE MISSION HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM UN OFFICIALS
CONCERNING ACCURACY OF STATEMENTS QUOTED, AND IF ACCURATE,

THEIR SIGNIFICANCE WITH RESPECT TO US ATTITUDE
TOWARDS GOVERNMENT OF LAOS IN NARCOTICS AREA, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF TEXT AND ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENT
DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

3. COMPLETE FRENCH TEXT BEING POUCHED IO/HDC.VANDEN HEUVEL

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